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Pre-distribution activity planned consists of a program of malaria education and training in the use and care of vector control survey equipment, residual sprayers (backpack sprayers), and insecticide treated mosquito nets. Emphasis will be placed on presenting a behavior altering, net culture message to accompany the actual net distribution.

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To achieve our objectives, our net distribution will take place in 2 phases. In October/November, 2011, our plan is to deliver approximately 500 nets, vector control survey kits ( min. 4) and 4 backpack sprayers to the village of Soledad, the District of Balsapuerto, The Province of Alta Amazonas, in the Department of Loreto - population 300 and to the nearby village of Naranjal.

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SBF and Amazon Focus will use Soledad as a test site by blanketing this population and the population of Naranjal with nets, training local health care workers in the strategy and use of the vector control survey kits and sprayers.

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At any given time, the total population of 300 has an average of 40 people with active cases of malaria. Soledad will allow us to gather data in a relatively controlled environment not only by tracking the number of new cases of malaria over a given period of time but also the incidence of bat bites, snake bites, bed bug and lice infestation.

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By initially distributing a small quantity of nets in Soledad, SBF will accomplish three objectives:

- 1.) test the logistics procedures that have been put in place to safely, efficiently, and economically ship nets to Peru,
- 2.) establish procedures for education and training of the local population in preparation of subsequent net distributions, and

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3.) identify and prioritize follow-up on deliveries of nets for distribution.

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SBF with the assistance of Ken Van Brunt of Amazon Focus will also be exploring effective and economic methods of utilizing coconut oil as an alternative material for larvae control on stagnant water.

